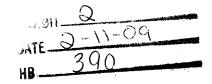
Proposed Amendment to HB 390



NEW SECTION. Section 2. Outpatient birth centers -- licensure -- rulemaking. (1) The department shall license outpatient birth centers using the procedures provided for in Title 50, chapter 5, parts 1 and 2.

- (2) Pregnancy-related care provided by an outpatient birth center is limited to ambulatory patients with a normal low-risk pregnancy presenting no complications.
 - (3) The application for an outpatient birth center must include:
 - (a) the name and address of the applicant;
 - (b) the location of the outpatient birth center:
 - (c) the name of the person or persons who will manage or supervise the outpatient birth center; and
- (d) an acknowledgment that the outpatient birth center will consult with or transfer care to a health care facility as required by the health care provider's scope of practice-:
- (e) a collaborative agreement with a physician with admitting privileges at the nearest hospital by which the physician will take responsibility for the care of a patient in the event of an emergency admission of the patient to the hospital; and
 - (f) a transfer arrangement with a hospital by which:
 - (i) the birth center provides notice to the hospital of the birth center's delivery schedule;
- (ii) the birth center provides prior notice to the hospital of a transfer of a patient to the hospital in the event of an emergency; and
 - (iii) pertinent health care information accompanies the patient upon transfer to the hospital.
- (3) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement and administer this section, including but not limited to:
- (a) the type of acknowledgment to be required on the application from each type of health care provider licensed to provide prenatal, delivery, postnatal, and newborn care; and
- (b) the medical situations in which an outpatient birth center must consult with a health care facility or transfer care of a patient to a health care facility.
- (4) Rules adopted under this section must be based on the respective scopes of practice for health care providers licensed to provide prenatal, delivery, postnatal, and newborn care.
- (5) The department may require by rule that a birth center be accredited by a nationally recognized birth center accreditation organization.